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1. The street going north toward the main entrance to the old Werder airfield is lined on both sides with a large number of family type billets which are assigned, apparently, to Soviet civilians. Several Russian men dressed in civilian clothes were noted coming and going from the houses.
2. Traffic, both vehicular and foot, coming and going through the main gate of the airfield is heavy and all personnel, including the Soviets in uniform, are required to stop and present their identification to the guard post. However, one exception was observed; what appeared to be an armored truck (see attached sketch) painted the usual Soviet Army gray-green with a white spot painted on the rear was seen proceeding through the gate without stopping.
3. At the corner opposite the main gate a steel fence approximately 2.5 meters high and topped by double strands of barbed wire projecting outward in an arch was observed. This fence appears to encompass the military reservation. Immediately behind the fence are mature bushes and deciduous trees averaging about 10 meters in height. No apparent effort has been made, however, to shield the area beyond from the view of passers-by.
4. A neatly stacked quadrangle of ordinary lumber which appeared to have been cut recently and piled there log cabin fashion was seen inside the reservation. Two Soviet enlisted men were observed carrying two rocket-like objects (see attached sketch) in the direction of one of the buildings. The objects appeared to be made of rough lumber and were approximately two meters long. The objects were not heavy since the soldiers did not appear to be straining to carry them. Neither object was painted

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5. Approximately 300 meters West of the main gate and about 50 meters inside the fence what appeared to be a well-weathered brick chimney, approximately three meters high, was noted sticking out of the ground. Surrounding it was a freshly constructed brick wall about 1.5 meters high, which in turn, was surrounded by a newly planted hedge which as yet did not conceal anything. <sup>1</sup>.
6. The buildings observed were of a uniform appearance and appeared to be the common tan masonry construction. Each was estimated to be between 20-25 meters long, with two floors and many windows of conventional German design.
7. At the second entrance to the airfield another group of male Russian civilians were observed. All appeared to be in their middle thirties, well-dressed and clean-cut looking by Russian standards. <sup>2</sup>.
8. In the corner of the reservation bordering on the lake, a parking lot in which another of the unusual armored trucks mentioned in paragraph two above was observed. Also in the parking lot was a metal scrap heap covered by a heavy tarpaulin; metal scrap resembled lathe-shavings.
9. A large sign was noted posted on one of the streets leading to the airfield stating in four languages that all representatives of military missions were strictly prohibited.
10. In the immediate vicinity of the reservation, no other Germans were seen. "A large number" of Soviet military personnel, mostly officers who appeared to be connected with the installation, were observed in the vicinity. None of the few enlisted men seen had any particular insignia or epaulets. The officers were observed with the following colored epaulets: black, green, red and blue. Some appeared to have a diagonal gold stripe across the left shoulder.
11. It is believed that Werder airfield has been used since 1945. No Soviet aircraft are stationed there.

1.   Comment. During World War II it was rumored that V-2 rockets were assembled at an underground installation at Werder airfield. It has been suggested, <sup>the</sup> the chimney may be some sort of underground ventilation outlet. However, no other evidence of underground installations was noted.

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2.   Comment. It is believed they were engineers who had just emerged from one of the buildings for lunch.

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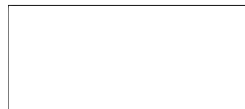
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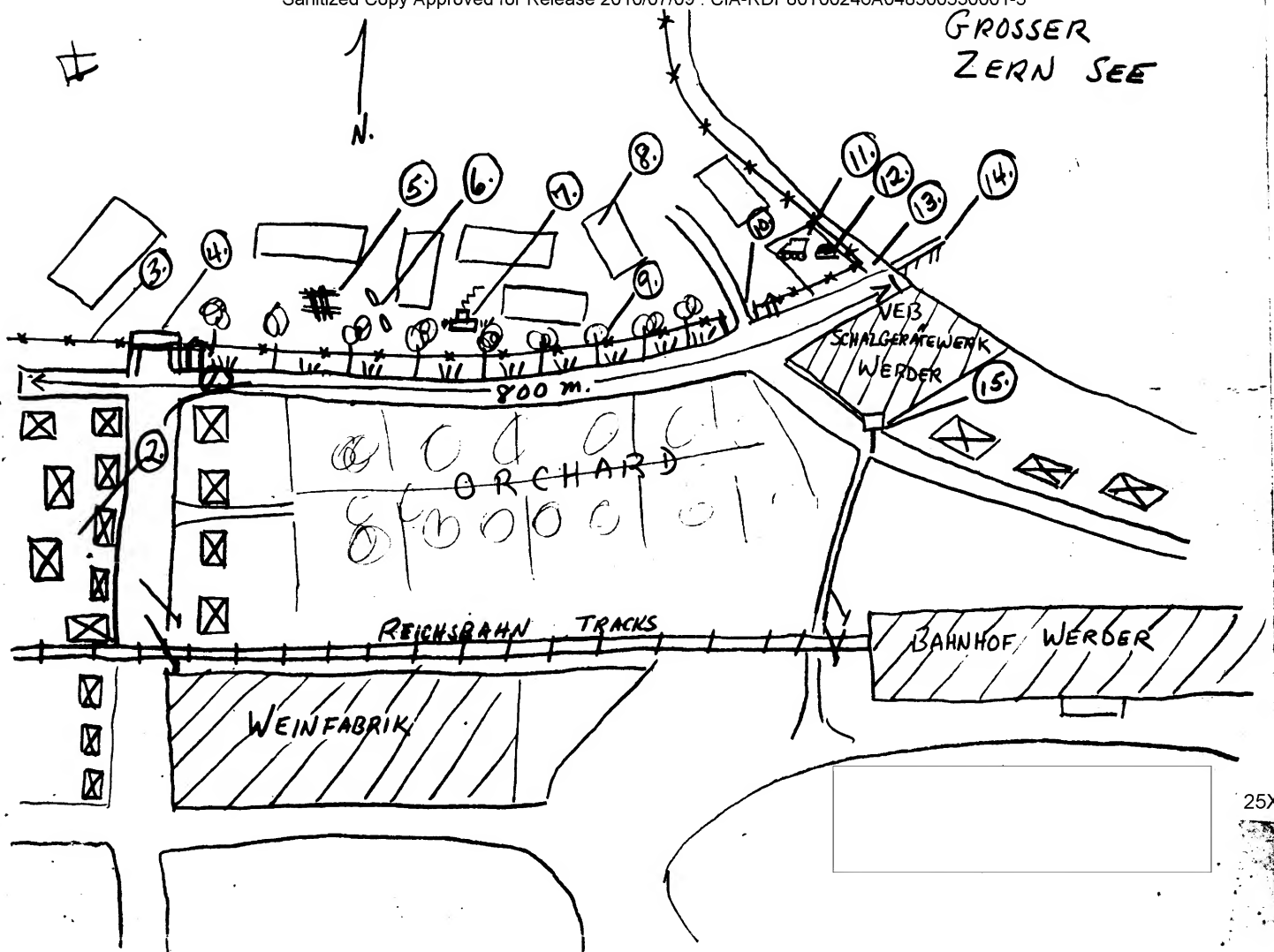


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1. Street facing installation.
2. Russian civilian family-type quarters (all buildings marked "x").  
Not an exact number.
3. Barbed wire fence.
4. Main gate & guard post.
5. Unusual lumber pile.
6. Apparent missile mockups being carried by Soviet soldiers.
7. Chimney surrounded by new low brick wall.
8. Apparent administrative and storage buildings (not an exact number).
9. Mature trees and bushes.
10. Secondary gate and guard shack
11. Unusual and apparently armored truck.
12. Covered scrap metal pile.
13. Path between barbed wire and lake
14. Old dock
15. "Verboten" sign.

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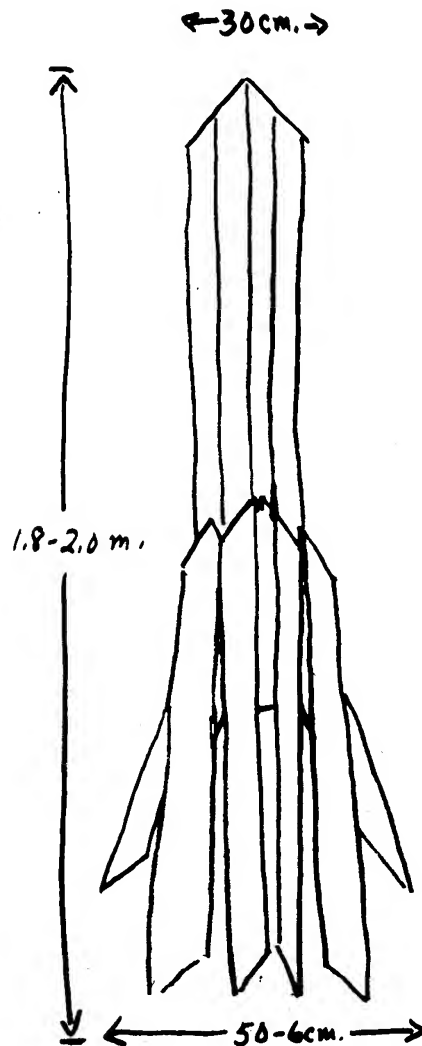
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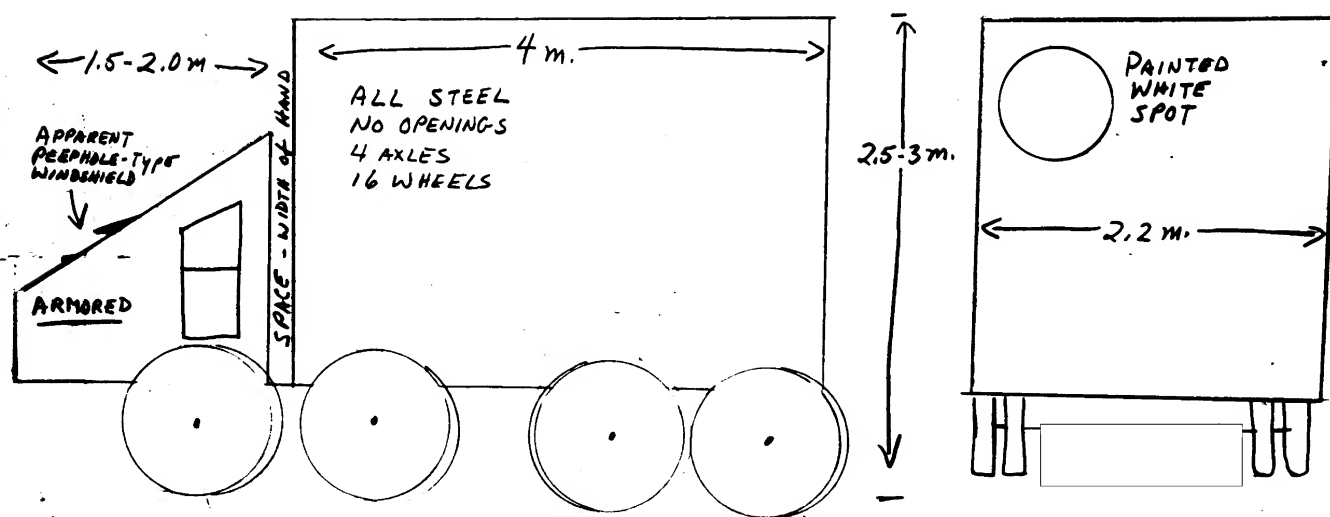
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